UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Walter Duffy, et al.,

Case No. 2:21-cv-01680-CDS-DJA

Order Granting Certain Plaintiffs' Motion for Voluntary Dismissal

ASNY NY, LLC, et al.,

Plaintiffs

Defendants

[ECF No. 96]

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This contractual dispute involves 35 plaintiffs who purchased timeshare memberships that allegedly turned out much differently than the various defendants promised. Last month, the parties indicated that they had reached a potential settlement agreement. ECF No. 93. After settlement negotiations failed, twenty-three of the plaintiffs¹ filed a motion to voluntarily 15 dismiss their claims and amend the pleadings to delist themselves from this case. ECF No. 96. Plaintiffs' counsel—the firm of Albright Stoddard Warnick & Albright (ASWA)—concurrently seeks to withdraw from the case because it has not been paid for representing the 35 plaintiffs, despite an agreement to the contrary. A timeshare exit company, Square One, had agreed to cover the litigation expenses for all 35 plaintiffs and was ASWA's client, but it has failed to pay ASWA since April 2022.

The defendants do not oppose either motion, but they have two conditions. ECF Nos. 98, 99. First, they request that before ASWA withdraws from the case, it must file a third-amended

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²³ ¹ The moving plaintiffs are Walter Duffy, Ana Duffy, Sally Duron, Victor McGee, Angela McGee, Marigold Flowers, Gerardo Rodriguez, Yessenia Rodriguez, Calvin Morrison, Sandra Morrison, Barbara Johnson, Henry Maxwell, Carol Maxwell, John Caputo, Sandra Gerstner, Dee Terrell, Mae Terrell, Roger Workman, Brenda Workman, James Grasse, Rebecca Grasse, Paul Silverman, and Judith Silverman. ECF

No. 96 at 2.

complaint excluding the 23 plaintiffs who are voluntarily dismissing their claims. Second, they request that ASWA provide the defendants with updated contact information for the 12 plaintiffs who will remain in the case. Because the parties essentially stipulate to the dismissal of 23 of the plaintiffs, I grant the motion seeking to voluntarily dismiss those plaintiffs' claims. While I am likewise inclined to grant the motion to withdraw, I agree that the interests of justice would be served by first requiring ASWA to comply with both aforementioned conditions.

Conclusion

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that certain plaintiffs' motion for voluntary dismissal of their claims [ECF No. 96] is GRANTED. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate those 23 plaintiffs from the case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that ASWA must file a third-amended complaint that includes only the allegations and claims related to the remaining 12 plaintiffs, by August 9, 2023.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that ASWA must provide current contact information for the remaining 12 plaintiffs to the defendants *and* file a joint stipulation (signed by counsel for both sides) confirming they have done so, by August 9, 2023. Once these steps are completed, I will resolve the pending motion to withdraw.

DATED: July 20, 2023

Cristina D. Silva

United States District Judge